

Meeting called to order 6:05pm

Members present:

Julie Noble, Allison Taylor, Andrew Meyer, and Gregg Swanzey

Guests present:

Valeria Gheorghiu, Nicole Schmidt, Felipa Gaudet, Steve Noble, Reno Budziak, Steve Engelhart, and Judith Deming

1. Introductions of guests, including new applicants to the board. Julie discussed status of our C.A.C., explained our role, monthly meeting schedule, proposed priorities, and newly appointed board members roles.
2. Approval of Minutes—all minutes were reviewed and corrected for misinformation and typographical errors. Allison will make corrections and email to Julie for distribution. Andrew made motion to accept minutes with corrections, Julie seconded motion. All in favor.
3. Planning Board will not be able to make the June meeting, due to boat event on the Rondout. Julie will follow up with Sue Cahill to discuss when they would like to reschedule.
4. June 10, 2009 meeting has been changed to June 3, 2009.
5. Communications---Mike Cook revised local law. All members are to review. Common Council will be appointing the new board members. Mayor makes recommendation to the Common Council.
  - a. Section 3: Membership needs clarification of appointing person.
  - b. Gregg brought up need for consistency between resolution and municipal law.
  - c. Need to clarify human environment/environment for its own sake.
  - d. Section 4: Resolution—Julie would like to have money aspects added to our municipal law, once we work out kinks. We can get the specifics from John Tuey as to how we accept money and what type of account to set up.
  - e. Section 4(h): Do we need authorization by resolution to accept money in any amount?
  - f. Section 4: Add Chapter XX(B)—this is background documentation from where resolution is written--- from X-3 Responsibilities
  - g. Human Impact issue---Valeria brought up that distinction needs to be made regarding this. Can't argue threatened or endangered species would suffer, but humans may be affected. Section 4: Change wording from the environment to benefits to humans.
  - h. Julie will talk again with Mike Cook regarding changes. We may have to call a special meeting to make more changes and finalize by-laws.
6. Reports:
  - a. E.M.C.-Environmental Management Council—meets last Wed. of the month at Ulster County Comm. College, 7pm-9pm. Does any board member want to regularly attend these meetings?
  - b. Hudsonia—Biodiversity Assessment Training is going well. Will be going outside during June training.
  - c. Planning Board Meetings: Valeria attended meeting on 4/13/09. Hudson Landing findings were approved. CAC should look into environmental impact statement re: Indiana bats (it is on city's website.) Also, there is a warehouse to contain a business on 117 Tremper Ave. It is a food production company, owned by Cyre Assoc. Recommend energy efficient lighting.
  - d. Valeria also attended a town hall meeting, sponsored by the Hudson Watershed Alliance. It focused on storm water issues and sewage treatment plants. Is there any money coming from the stimulus package, from the American Reinvestment/Recovery Act? This may address some of these water related issues. May 29, 2009 deadline for applications.

- e. NYSERDA has grants available. CAC should recommend the city to apply for some of these grants.
- f. Cornell Coop. Ext.—Robert Wood Johnson foundation has a 4 yr./ \$360,000 grant titled Healthy Kids/ Healthy Communities. It comes through policy change—safe routes to school and biking/gardening initiatives.

Financial---Julie will be meeting with John Tuey again soon.

- 7. Board Priorities—need priorities from 3 newly recommended members. Andrew will compile list from 3 new members. Will have by next meeting.
- 8. Recommendations-Andrew made a motion to accept 3 new members. Allison seconded motion. All in favor.

Email addresses for new members:

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Valeria Gheorghiu--- [valerialexia@gmail.com](mailto:valerialexia@gmail.com)

Judith Deming--- [jcdeming@earthlink.net](mailto:jcdeming@earthlink.net)

9. New Business:

- a. Valeria went to a meeting regarding non-toxic landscape maintenance on owned or leased land and the plastic bag fee. There will be another meeting 6/2/09 on land maintenance.

10. Guest Speaker—Steve Noble—He reviewed his role in the city of Kingston.

- a. environmental education
- b. Recycling coordinator/outreach, and innovative new programs (ex. Pay as you throw garbage.)
- c. He is on the board of the Resource Recovery Agency
- d. Storm Water Educator/city's engineer liaison
- e. Coordinator of the city's GIS system(Geographic Information System)
- f. E.M.C. Chair
- g. President of the Kingston Land Trust. Executive Director—Arthur Zackziewicz

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:22pm

**Next meeting--- June 3, 2009 (1<sup>st</sup> Wed. instead of 2<sup>nd</sup>)**